GENERAL DECREE

Erection of Deaneries

Whereas canon 374 §2 states: “To foster pastoral care through common action, several neighboring parishes can be joined into special groups, such as vicariates forane;”

After due consultation and prayerful reflection, having sought the advice of the College of Consultors, for the sake of fostering pastoral care through common action, I, David P. Talley, Bishop of Memphis in Tennessee, do hereby erect the following deaneries:

1. The Western Deanery

The following parishes comprise the Western Deanery:

- Immaculate Conception Parish, Memphis
- Blessed Sacrament Parish, Memphis
- Holy Names of Jesus and Mary Parish, Memphis
- Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Memphis
- Sacred Heart Parish, Memphis
- Saint Anne Parish, Memphis
- Saint Augustine Parish, Memphis
- Saint John Parish, Memphis
- Saint Joseph Parish, Memphis
- Saint Mary Parish, Memphis
- Saint Patrick Parish, Memphis
- Saint Paul the Apostle Parish, Memphis
- Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Memphis
- Saint Therese the Little Flower Parish, Memphis

I will give you a new heart. Ezekiel 36:26
2. The Central Deanery

The following parishes comprise the Central Deanery:

Ascension Parish, Memphis
Holy Spirit Parish, Memphis
Incarnation Parish, Collierville
Nativity Parish, Bartlett
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Germantown
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish, Memphis
Resurrection Parish, Memphis
Saint Ann Parish, Bartlett
Saint Brigid Parish, Memphis
Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Memphis
Saint James Parish, Memphis
Saint Louis Parish, Memphis
Saint Michael Parish, Memphis
Saint William Parish, Millington

3. The South Eastern Deanery

The following parishes comprise the South Eastern Deanery:

Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish, Lexington
Saint John Parish, Brownsville
Saint Jude the Apostle Parish, Selmer
Saint Regina Parish, Parsons
Saint Mary Parish, Bolivar
Saint Mary Parish, Jackson
Saint Mary Parish, Savannah
Saint Philip the Apostle Parish, Somerville

4. The North Central Deanery

The following parishes comprise the North Central Deanery:

Holy Angels Parish, Dyersburg
Holy Cross Parish, Paris
Immaculate Conception Parish, Union City
Saint Alphonsus Parish, Covington
Sacred Heart Parish, Humboldt
Saint Mary Parish, Camden
Saint Jude the Apostle Parish, Martin

The priests of these Deaneries, in accord with particular law, are to work together in those matters affecting their deanery. They are also to cooperate and collaborate with their deans (vicars forane) and the diocesan bishop in the governance of the Diocese according to the norm of law.

This Decree takes effect on July 3, 2019, the Feast of Saint Thomas the Apostle.

Given at the Seat of the Diocese of Memphis in Tennessee, under my sign and seal and the countersignature of the Diocesan Chancellor, on the Second Day of July in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nineteen.

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